

**REMARKS**

Prompt examination of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 21-68 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, solely for the purpose of expediting patent prosecution in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office Business Goals (65 Fed. Reg. 54604 (September 8, 2000)). Applicants reserve the right to present any cancelled subject matter in a copending application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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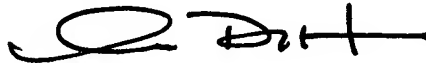
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**CONCLUSION**

Prompt examination of the application is respectfully requested. Although no additional charges are believed to be due, the Commission is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's Deposit Account Number **50-0311**, Reference Number **24852-501 CIP5 NATL**, Customer Number **35437**. If the Examiner is of the opinion that further discussion of the Amendment would be helpful, the Examiner is hereby respectfully requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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